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SUBJ: NEW ANTI-SUBVERSION LAW PASSES CONGRESS

REF: BA 7215; 7258

1. THE ANTI-SUBVERSION LAW PASSED THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ON SEPT 28 AFTER BITTER DEBATE. THE OPPOSITION PARTIES COMPLAINED THAT THE BILL WAS TOO IMPRECISE AND MIGHT, DEPENDING UPON HOW IT WAS INTERPRETED, BE USED AGAINST LEGAL AS WELL AS ILLEGAL OPPOSITION GROUPS. THEY ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR A NEW LAW, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ADEQUATE MEANS ALREADY TO COMBAT TERRORISM IF IT WOULD BUT USE THEM.

2. MINISTER OF INTERIOR ROCAMORA TESTIFIED BEFORE THE CONGRESS AND TRIED TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THENEW LAW WOULD BE APPLIED ONLY TO TERRORISTS. HE EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT IT
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WOULD NOT IMPLY AN INFRIGNEMENT OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

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PREVIOUSLY, NEWSMEN HAD INTERPRETED THE WORDING OF PARAGRAPHS TWO AND THREE TO IMPLY A BLACKOUT OF ALL REPORTING ON TERRORIST ACTIVITY. INDEED, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAD OBVIOUSLY HAD THE SAME IMPRESSION AND HAD BEEN BUSILY EXPLAINING TO THE MEDIA THE NEED FOR SUCH A BLACKOUT. WHETHER ROCAMORA'S STATEMENTS SUGGEST SOME SOFTENING OF THE GOVERNMENTS POSITION IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION FROM THE OTHER PARTIES, OR WHETHER HE IS SIMPLY TRYING TO INTERPRET THE BLACKOUT IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT IMPLIES NO IN-FRIGEMENT OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. THE NEW BILL NOW REMAINS ONLY TO BE SIGNED BY MRS. PERON (PROBABLY TODAY, SEPT 30) BEFORE BECOMING LAW.
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